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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 149 – 158

At a Meeting of the **RECREATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Conference Room, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Thursday, 24 July, 2008, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. L. Davies (Vice Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

M. L. Davies	C. A. Rees
S. M. Donoghue	A. C. Thomas
M. J. Lewis	G. H. Wooldridge

149. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. J. Butler, T. J. Jones, S. N. Lewis and A. G. Morgan.

150. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. C. A. Rees declared an interest in Minute No. 154 as she was involved in fund raising for Cylch Meithrin Ponthenri.

151. PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED that the report of the Technical Services Officer on work undertaken, be noted.

152. FURNACE COMMUNITY HALL

Further to Minute No. 107 (3), Members were circulated with a progress report received from the Technical Services Officer regarding the construction of the new hall.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

153. PLAY AREAS – PUBLIC MEETINGS

Pursuant to Minute No. 477 (18 March, 2008), Members received a report from the Deputy Clerk (Administration) which informed of public consultation exercises having been undertaken and an up-date on the funding received from Section 106 Agreements.

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The Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed Members that the proposals had been welcomed and that written confirmation had been received from the Head of Planning, Carmarthenshire County Council, in respect of contributions presently being held as follows:-

Ffynnon y Wan, Ponthenri	£62,000
Llygaid y Ffynnon, Five Roads	£22,000
Berwick (former Wyevale), Bynea	£53,000

A letter had also been received from the Head of Administration and Law, Carmarthenshire County Council, which referred to the Section 106 Agreement for Heol Hen, Five Roads, whereby the developer would pay £1,000 to the Rural Council following the sale of each plot at the development. To date, £7,000 had been paid and it could not be projected when the remaining £9,000 would be forthcoming.

Reference was made to the public consultation exercise which had been undertaken at Five Roads, Ponthenri and Saron Community Halls on 21-23 July, 2008, where the illustrative plans were displayed and commented upon by the local residents.

Following a discussion, it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) quotations be invited from suppliers specialising in the provision of play equipment to the value of monies available for the three areas concerned;
- (2) the submitted schemes be exhibited in the local communities concerned to obtain public preference.

154. PONTHENRI COMMUNITY HALL

Cllr. C. A. Rees declared an interest in the following item as she was involved in fund raising for Cylch Meithrin Ponthenri. Cllr. Rees withdrew from the meeting whilst discussion took place.

A letter was received from the Leader, Cylch Meithrin Ponthenri, which informed that from September 2008, a new foundation phase, which was the new national curriculum for education where children learn through play and explore their natural surroundings to enhance their creativity, was being introduced nationally for children of ages 3-7.

Outdoor play was a large part of this new process, however, the Cylch was situated on a main road with no fencing to shield children from dangers. The Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) had advised that permission would not be granted for Cylch to use the car park without adequate fencing.

A request was made therefore, for funding towards a fence being erected in order to comply with the CSSIW. The writer also stated that discussion had taken place with Menter Cwm Gwendraeth for possible grant funding.

During a lengthy discussion, the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed that a similar request at another of the Council's premises had been refused. Members voiced their concern

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regarding the mixed message that would be given to young children in the dual use of the car park for play and parking use, also, possible issues with insurance. However, reference was made to the need for outdoor play, particularly for disadvantaged children.

Following a vote, it was

RESOLVED to refuse the request for fencing to be provided in the car park at Ponthenri Community Hall.

Cllr. C. A. Rees returned to the meeting.

155. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matters be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act, 1960) be exercised.

156. LAND AT GLOBE ROW, DAFEN

Pursuant to Minute No. 533 (15 April, 2008), correspondence was received from Evans, Powell & Co., Solicitors, informing of the results of the Coal Authority search, local search and environmental search. The Coal Authority search indicated evidence of past workings at shallow levels and that there would appear to have been a mining subsidence claim made, presumably by Carmarthenshire County Council. Both the local and environmental searches appeared to be satisfactory.

The Clerk referred to the hydrology report and stated that the designated land was located near a river, however the field appeared to have natural drainage.

Further correspondence received included the Option Agreement between the County Council and the Rural Council to take up the Lease.

During discussion, Members referred to concerns regarding local flooding issues experienced in the past, particularly during the building of Prince Philip Hospital. Reference was also made to traffic access and parking. The Clerk stated that no buildings would be erected on the site and that the points regarding access and parking were valid.

RESOLVED that the Solicitors be requested to make further enquiries with Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the subsidence claim, prior to taking up the Option Agreement.

157. LUNCHEON CLUBS

Further to Minute No. 408 (7 February, 2008), Members were circulated with the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informing of the patronage of the luncheon clubs and the cost of providing the service.

Following discussion, it was

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RESOLVED that a publicity campaign be undertaken to encourage attendance with a further report being presented to the Committee in October 2008.

**158. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS -
FIVE ROADS COMMUNITY HALL**

RESOLVED that the annual grant be forwarded to the above Committee.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.40 p.m.

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The afore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 9 September, 2008, adopted by the Council.